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Serial No. 09/282,860 : Examiner: J. Fluering
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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated December 18, 2002 wherein the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-6, 11, 23-24, 26-31, and 37-41 in the above-identified patent application.

Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account 50-0510 in the amount of \$320.00, for filing a Notice of Appeal in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17(e).

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